

Presentation Purpose

- Provide an introduction to the Delta Stewardship Council and the Delta Plan
 - Background
 - Study area
 - Timeline
 - Next Steps



The Delta Stewardship Council

- Created by the legislature in 2009
- Comprised of seven members
- Supported by independent science experts
- Successor of CALFED



Delta Stewardship Council Role

- Develop a sustainable management plan for the Delta (Delta Plan)
- Develop performance measures for the assessment and tracking of progress and changes to the health of the Delta ecosystem, fisheries, and water supply reliability
- Determine, on appeal, if state or local agency's project in the Delta ("covered action") is consistent with the Delta Plan
- Determine, on appeal, whether the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) meets statutory criteria in the Delta Reform Act for inclusion in the Delta Plan
- Coordinate with local, state and federal agencies; tribes and tribal organizations

Delta Independent Science Board

- Oversight of the scientific research
- Monitoring programs
- Assessment of programs



Delta Plan

- Legally enforceable
- Management plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta
- January 1, 2012

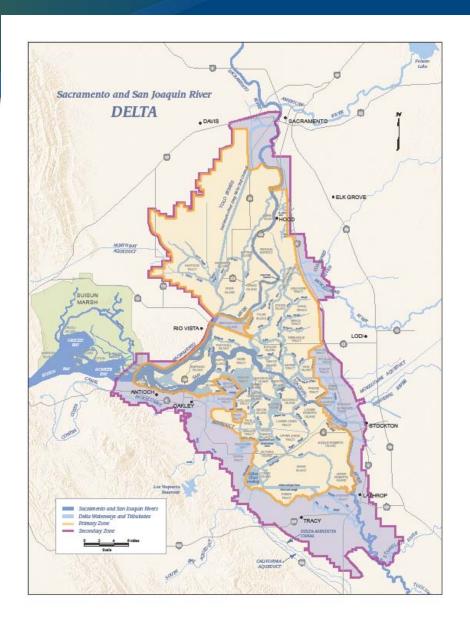


Coequal goals

"Coequal goals' means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place." (CA Water Code §85054).

Delta Plan Study Area

- Legal Delta
- Suisun Marsh

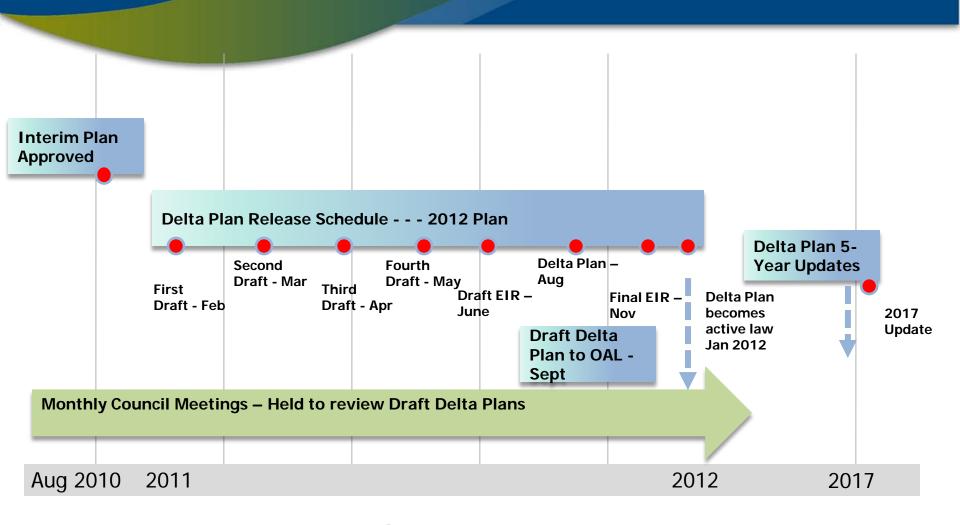


Delta Plan Study Area

- Watersheds
- Water Users



Delta Plan Timeline





Key:

Milestone Document

Next Steps

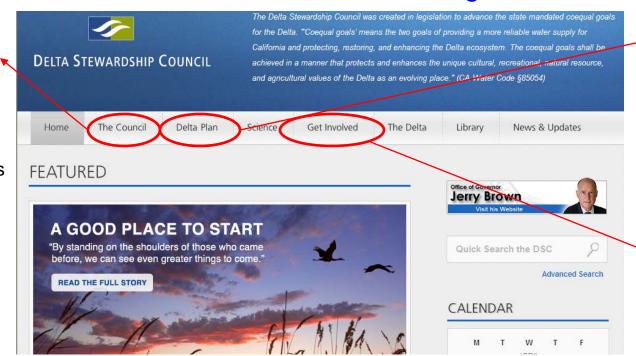
- Tribal Engagement
 - Council Meeting May 26, 2011
- Review Drafts and provide comments
- Attend workshops and Council meetings



Information or Questions

- Delta Stewardship Website: deltacouncil.ca.gov
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